FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S324, as Amended

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TO: The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairman, Senate Education Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Pay Increase for Certified Teachers

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 324, as amended, would increase the pay for teachers who are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), but who are not yet certified by the State. The pay increase will equal the amount provided for state-certified teachers who are also NBPTS certified.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education (SDE) estimates the total recurring cost to be \$36,063, including fringe benefits. According to SDE, there are currently 4 teachers who would qualify for the pay increase. The amount would increase if additional teachers are hired who fit the criteria as stated in the proposed legislation. Current funding levels would allow the Department to absorb the additional cost for the four teachers identified.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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